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THE EVENING LIGHT
 And
Church of God Evangel.

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1

"For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God." Acts 10:46.

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APOLOGY FOR ABOVE TITLE.

It shall come to pass in that light shall not be dark. . . . But it came to pass that at evening it shall be light."—Isaiah 60:1, 2.

"For thus saith the Lord God, Behold I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day." Ezekiel 34:11, 12.

"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."—Matt. 16:18.

head of the Saviour of 5:23.

the world, and to every creature.

them to observe all that I have commanded them."—Matt. 28:20.

The dark and cloudy day has passed. We are now in the evening of this wonderful gospel. The sheep must be gathered into all places.

scattered. They are coming, as the light is now shining, since the sun has dropped from behind the cloud once more in the western horizon, and is shining brightly, just before dropping behind the hills, which will usher in the night of awful tribulations. The full blaze of light beamed forth from the Pentecostal chamber, and shined forth with radiant glory in the early morning of the gospel day, and its beams have pierced through the dark ages and created warmth to many almost discarded lives at intervals ever since the pouring out of the Spirit on that memorable day. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, the first and the last, said Jesus; and as the light burst forth with such glory and power in the first or early morning, when the sun was first seen rising above the eastern hills, then as Jesus is first and last also, we can expect nothing less in glory and power in the evening light than broke out over the eastern hills in the early morning of the gospel age. The evening light gospel age. The true light, is now shining and the sheep are hearing His voice and coming from every place where they have been scattered during the cloudy and dark day. His church was planted in the early morning, and burst on the sea of humanity like a thunderbolt from the east, and the sheep rushed into the fold.

declared the preached to heaven.

The command to whom the come as by our the Church in the must be

neath the ligation. The given to the disciples in the morning to give them power to accomplish just what they did accomplish. He is given us today for the same purpose. We dare not falter. We shall see their hearts shall be enlarged.

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Today,

NOTICES

From the Field

Another Glorious Dist. Convention

Another glorious district convention on the Jesup, Ga., district, Feb. 14-16. Great congregation, good singing, wonderful preaching, \$187.41 mission offering, \$30.02 orphanage offering.—A. V. Beaubé, state overseer.

To whom it may concern:

This is to notify you that Don A. Owens is no longer a minister or member of the Church of God. Anyone knowing his whereabouts, please wire me collect.—I. L. Bengé, overseer of California, 1011 Magnolia Ave., Huntington Beach, Calif.

NOTICE: Evangelists, if you are equipped to preach the gospel of Christ uncompromisingly, believing the Church of God is the special (personal) ambassador of the soon-coming King and not just an envoy of second-rate, ordinary mission, contact me right away. We are asking God for an old time, Church of God. Holy Ghost revival, and we believe God will give it. I will answer every letter in response with due consideration.—H. C. Smith, Box 1124, Aransas Pass, Tex.

The Crockett, Tex., district convention will convene at Trinity, Tex., March 14-16. We are expecting a great convention. Everyone is invited. We expect our overseer, Brother T. W. Godwin, and our state superintendent of Y. P. E. and Sunday School, Brother Vessie D. Hargrave, to be present.—James A. Hall, Box 382, Trinity, Tex.

Dear Evangel Readers, all persons who live in or near San Diego, Calif., who belong to the Church of God, please get in touch with me at 3531 Newton St., San Diego, Calif.—Pearl Duckett, Gen. Del., N. San Diego, Calif.

We have an opening for a pastor and could use good evangelists who are willing to sacrifice for the Lord.—Clyde C. Cox, overseer of Indiana, Box 94, Linton, Ind.

Lord Blessing in Shannon

SHANNON, Ga.—I am glad I have salvation and no desire to turn back. God has been blessing in Shannon. We are thankful for our pastor, Brother Chambers. Pray that God will help each one of

us here to do His will and many souls will be saved.—Mrs. Celesta Holder.

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS

HEFLIN, Ala. — I am just a young girl trying to live for and serve Jesus. Although the way grows dark sometimes, and hard to travel, I want to be faithful to Jesus. I received the Holy Ghost about four years ago. I served God for a while, then I neglected to pray. The devil overcame me and I went back in sin. Young people, don't ever go back on God. I wish I could tell how I felt, but I prayed and I feel better now. I praise God for healing my head and eyes. I praise Him for many other things.—Miss Reba Trantham.

Note of Praise for God's Healing

Rev. Aylor Padgett, of Hickory, N. C., writes that their baby was taken suddenly ill with bronchial pneumonia. They had a doctor and a head specialist and the baby's head was lanced. It did not get any better. His father, John C. Padgett, Sister Martin, and Brother Geo. W. Cooper, of Union, S. C., all prayed and finally the baby was touched by the divine hand of God. Brother Aylor writes, "We saw some dark hours through it all but it made us want to live better for the Man who died for us. The baby is getting along fine now. Surely we can say there is healing by His stripes as well as saving through the fountain that never runs dry."

Explanation Concerning Orphanage Offering

The invitation to make Easter Sunday Special Orphanage Day was not to be a regular financial drive or in any way a compulsory campaign but rather the suggesting of an opportunity for concerted action in aiding a worthy cause. Recently we have received a number of nice checks from various states, districts and churches for the Orphanage. In fact, the reports from the district conventions show a tremendous increase. January receipts almost doubled that of December. All of this shows that the interest in the orphanage work is decidedly on the move.

If you are inclined to observe Easter Sunday, in taking an offering for this wonderful institution, it certainly will be appreciated.

On behalf of the general officials, the Orphanage Committee and the boys who are looking forward to the completion of the new home, we herewith express heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

CONVENTIONS

WITH LATEST CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES

For the convenience of the general officials in visiting conventions, including the foreign work, some changes have become necessary.

The overseers of the respective states and territories will please announce places of these conventions.

February 27-March 2—Central America—Guatemala.

March 8-11—Jamaica

March 8-23—Haiti Territory

April 4-6—California

April 14-20—Mexico City, Mexico

April 25-27—Arizona

May 1-4—Washington, Oregon, Idaho

May 4-11—Colored General Assembly

May 9-11—Montana

May 15-18—Indiana

May 15-18—Wisconsin

May 22-25—Illinois

May 22-25—South Carolina

May 30-June 1—Virginia

May 30-June 1—Mississippi.

June 5-8—Missouri

June 6-7—Florida

June 12-15—Arkansas

June 12-15—Ohio

June 19-22—New Mexico

June 19-22—Oklahoma

June 26-29—Kansas

June 26-29—Alabama

July 3-6—North and South Dakota

July 3-6—Louisiana

July 11-13—Iowa

July 11-13—Georgia

July 17-20—Michigan

July 17-20—North Carolina

July 21-22—Central Canada, Windsor

July 24-27—Pennsylvania

July 24-27—West Virginia

July 29-30—Kentucky

July 29-30—Conn., N. Y., R. I., N. J.

July 31-August 3 — New England States

July 31-August 3—Texas

August 7-10—Maryland

August 7-10—Tennessee

Birthday Greetings to The Evangel

Happy birthday to you,
Happy birthday to you;
Happy birthday, Church of God Evangel;
Happy birthday to you.



Today you are thirty-one! Oh, how it thrills our hearts as we try to think of the good you have done during these many fruitful years and of how much we appreciate you today. Everything in life is valued in terms of service, pleasure or benefits

to man. We try to think of your inestimable worth.

Our meditation on you now reminds me of an aged mother, who, when thinking of her first-born, goes to the treasure chest and finds the little stockings and shoes which her little boy first wore. While sitting there by it, her eyes dim with tears as she thinks of that little embryonic man and says to herself, "Was he that tiny? My, what a change these years have wrought! Today he is a well-de-

BY J. H. WALKER, General Overseer

veloped, educated, refined, cultured, successful, business man, whose responsibilities call him to many, many countries of the whole earth." Yes, we strain memories and imaginations to see you on March 1, 1910, when you were born, so tiny! We named you "The Evening Light and the Church of God Evangel." Like the name of many a boy is shortened, so yours became, one year later, "The Church of God Evangel." Only Rev. and Mrs. T. L. McLain and Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Bryant remain with us to tell the story of how they gathered around and prepared you for your first trip. Brother Bryant tells us that he took you, in his arms, to the post office.

In 1915 your home was 2524 Gaut Street. Two years later a larger addition was added to the rear of the first building. One year later another story was added. The following year, 1919, another large building was joined to the rear of this plant, where you made your home until the nice, large commodious, modern-equipped, brick plant, which you occupy today, was erected in 1934.

At the age of five (1915) you visited

5,000 homes each week, but now your circuit takes you by bus, train, plane and ship, to the many thousands and thousands in various countries of the world.

You have been such a wonderful blessing! Your silent, convincing, convicting articles have caused the erring to cry to God and receive proper guidance to and in the paths of righteousness. Your comforting, consoling messages, mothers, fathers, sons, and daughters have treasured most during the hours of daily burdens, sickness, discouragement and temptations. Praise God! You still live to tell us the progress of the Church, spiritually, numerically, and financially.

You are ever challenging and inviting

*The weak to be stronger,
The great to be greater,
The mighty to be mightier,
The holy to be holier,
The lovely to be lovelier.*

Heaven alone can reveal the great good you have done, and may His richest blessings be upon you until the last issue is stopped by the antichrist. Again, we bless the day of your birth. Happy birthday to you.

The Evangel Speaks

By R. P. JOHNSON, Asst. Gen. Overseer

"Evangel" is my name and that means "good news," and the fact that I am yet healthy and strong at the age of thirty-one is good news to me and I hope it is to you. My policy and attitude for the coming year is the same that it has been through my life, that is, that I accept and promote truth as the fundamental of true life and also the law of life.



My position has been that of a friend and servant to men

and especially to the men whom the Lord has chosen to be associated with Him in the ministry of His gospel. It was this class of men that founded, nourished, and made me what I am, and it is with them that I have been more closely connected. They realized that there was a need which they could not take care of without my assistance, therefore I was born of necessity, and necessity demands that I not only survive but be kept sound and filled with vigor as the responsibility and burden of

ministry in the truth grows heavier and is being keenly felt by the Church, for it realizes more and more the great and almost wholesale falling away from the faith now taking place, not only among nominal Christian movements but also within the ranks of Pentecostal people.

I am aware of the fact that my success and usefulness depends on the material used in my make-up from week to week; knowing, too, that if I meet the challenge of present world conditions and properly fill my place in the Church's program, I must, yes, must by all means, spread out and go more places, deliver more messages, more teaching, than any other servant in the Church. This being true, I cannot but feel that I am a chosen, ordained, and most important medium of news and doctrine the Church has, therefore I ask every contributor to pray over and weigh well the material that you send in to me for publication. Whether it be doctrinal, evangelistic, exhortation, testimony, report, request, statement, answer to a question, or obituary, be sure that such is not out of harmony with my policy, but, if printed, will add to my blessings.

Because of untimely and sometimes im-

properly written articles, at other times because of incorrect reports, possibly, but rarely, a misinterpretation or application of truth which has been unfair to me and my ministry, causing me to suffer and weakening my personality, I appeal to you and know you are anxious to cooperate with me and help me to be what you believe that God and His Church would have me to be. I know you want my face (front page) to reflect, in a condensed way, that which the other fifteen pages deal with in detail. You want me to be the "Evangel" good news, from cover to cover. Then you, my friend, have in your possession a bit of the very tidings I need. Some have just received or been impressed with a theme right from the throne; others have a burning testimony of what God is doing just now; some know of that great revival which has stirred the entire community; then there is that convention, the like of which even the angels of God would rejoice to have part in; others have doctrinal messages so essential to the faith of believers and to the unity of the Church. Yes, you have some of the good news. You are my reporters and supporters. I am ready to go to press next week filled to the brim with the best that the best people on earth have to offer. If, for any cause, you think that I have failed, or in your opinion you are convinced that I have been out of line with truth, I ask

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The Silent Preacher

THE Fifth Annual Assembly of the Church of God convened in Cleveland, Tennessee, January 10, 1910. Just how many delegates were present cannot be ascertained. No registry was kept. The Minutes of that Assembly show that there were thirty-one churches and forty-two ministers. Twenty-two of these ministers were bishops and twenty were evangelists. From the discourses and reports given at the Assembly, it is possibly safe to judge that there were twenty-five or thirty of these ministers in attendance.

Though God had given the Church wonderful success during the year of 1909 and the increase in churches had been from twelve to thirty-one, with as great an increase in the ministry, the progress of the new church seemed to its leaders to be too slow and they cast about for something to solve the problem of the future progress of the Church. It was finally decided that the Church should begin a paper and that if it could maintain one, it would be the answer to their particular need and make the setup more adequate in prosecuting the doctrine of the Church. A measure providing for a church paper was finally passed and a publishing committee appointed to see that the paper was started. This publishing committee was composed of A. J. Tomlinson, M. S. Lemons, F. J. Lee, T. L. McLain, Sam C. Perry, A. J. Lawson, and George T. Brouayer. Only one of this number is left with us to tell the story—Rev. T. L. McLain—and he at present is in very ill health.

The committee went to work and by March 1, 1910, had the first issue of the paper ready. It was named "The Evening Light and Church of God Evangel." Miss Flora E. Bower, a maiden from the city of Tampa, Florida, had attended the Assembly in January and volunteered her services as transcriber and proof-reader for the new paper. Rev. and Mrs. T. L. McLain, residents of the city of Cleveland, became the first subscribers to the Church of God Evangel. Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Bryant, who

were charter members of the Church of God, were also subscribers to the first issue of the Evangel, and helped to wrap the first issue that left Cleveland. That issue of the Evangel was very small indeed. One man took it in his arms, after it was wrapped, and carried it by foot to the post office. Thus we have the ordination of the silent preacher of the Church of God that received credentials at the Assembly held in January, 1910.

Through the years this silent preacher has been going from state to state and country to country, bearing the message of full salvation and testimonies from people of what God has gloriously wrought in their lives—testimonies of conversions, sanctification, the baptism with the Holy Ghost, marvelous healings, reports of the growth of the organization and other things worth while—to its members and the many friends that it has acquired through the years.

Miss Flora E. Bower continued with the Evangel for several months, taking care of copy work, proofreading, and mailing it, until finally she joined the Rev. R. M. Evans, first missionary to the Bahama Islands. Miss Bower had had long religious training with an organization in St. Louis, Missouri, which in 1899 sent her to Tampa, Florida, to open a rescue home, which she did, and for eight years she was superintendent of the Hephzibah Rescue Home. Upon receiving the baptism with the Holy Ghost, which time many of the inmates of the home also received the blessing, she was asked by the organization for which she was working, to resign, which she did, to give her time and talent to the Church of God.

In the Bahama Islands, Miss Bower labored as a missionary for the remaining part of 1910, returning the next year to Cleveland and working again for the newly-created publishing institution. In 1912 Miss Bower was united in matrimony to Rev. H. L. Trim, a veteran minister of Pentecost and of Holiness, and the new organization sent them to Illinois to open up the work in that state. Their work was a success and the first church to be organized in Illinois was organized by them at Bampas Creek, near Olney, Illinois. The little church stands as a monument of their efforts until this day. Brother and Sister Trim went to Virginia the next year and during the year held the first state convention that we have any record of, being held in the Church of God, but Sister Trim did not forget the silent preacher and kept constantly in touch with it during their work for the Church, with testimonies and good reports.

Through all the great calamities that have befallen our country and the Church, the Evangel has gone on. During the years it has had no reason

to stop or recant from its position as a courier of life, peace, and good will. Through the years its work has greatly increased but by its silent messages it has amassed sufficient aid to make the institution of which it was the parent, a self-supporting institution. The Church of God Publishing House now sends out messages in testimony, sermon and song to the thousands, and is worth thousands of dollars. For many years we did not publish our own song books but now the Publishing House meets all the requirements of the Church with its line of work. These publications,—song books, other books, Sunday School litera-

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MRS. FLORA E. (Bower) TRIM
First transcriber and subscription clerk.

God Can Use A Weak Body If It Is Yielded To His Will

"We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose," Rom. 8:28.

Sometimes it takes a long time for us to understand the meaning of this verse of scripture. It took a number of years for me to understand it but I thank God because the scales have fallen from my eyes at last, and He has let me see that if we are completely yielded to His will, all things do work together for good.

God saved my soul about 32 years ago. He called me to do personal work. I had a burning desire to read and study the Bible and talk to unsaved people, but I wanted to learn music and sing so I could not do what I wanted to do. Like many others, I neglected the Bible, was always busy with household duties and cares of rearing a family. In fact, I became so busy with the things of the world that God called my precious baby boy home to Himself. I was drawn closer and tried harder to obey my calling, but it seemed that I could see there was work to do every day in the year the same as during summer revivals. Then my health failed. Oh, I prayed so hard for God to heal me. I asked all my praying friends to pray for me. I had faith in God. I knew He had all power, both in heaven and earth, and disease germs were less than nothing in His dear hands. But I had to go to the hospital for an operation. While in the hospital I talked with different ones about the Lord. I didn't gain my health back but was better for a while.

In the winter of 1935 I had a very bad spell of double pneumonia, from which I never fully recovered. While I was sick I saw a beautiful mountain beckoning me to come. I thought it was only the imagination of a fevered brain. But on and on, after I was up and around, that vision would come and with it a yearning would come over my soul which I could not understand. As I have said, I never fully recovered from pneumonia, so in about eighteen months I was X-rayed and told that I had active tuberculosis. Can any one imagine just how I felt? after having asked God so many, many times to heal me then have to hear that I must go to the state sanatorium as soon as possible.

After making the necessary arrangements I had to wait a few weeks for my turn. Oh, can you imagine the long, sleepless nights, praying, praying to get well and not have to leave my home, husband and two small children? Sometimes I would think of not going away, just taking a chance and spending my time at home; but always that vision, that some-

BY MRS. JULIA DEMPSEY

thing I could not understand, kept urging me on. I talked with God so earnestly about it all that I knew I was in the center of His will when I resolved to go.

I wonder if Abraham felt any different as he led Isaac up Mount Moriah, than I did when I kissed my husband and babies good-bye and left my home to hear those heavy sanatorium doors close behind me and hear the doctor's solemn voice as he said, "We think you have a chance to get better. You will have to stay six or eight months here. A year or two in bed will patch you up."

"Not a very pleasant outlook," you say.

No, but God said, "My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness."

As we came in sight of the sanatorium on Mt. Alto, Georgia, God said, "This is the place you have been seeing so long." But I could not understand why I should be stricken with that dreadful disease and be forced to stop all my work, leave home and family, while many others who, I thought, were no better than I, were at home with their families, able to work to buy those things for the home that every woman likes to have. We have had financial losses; in fact, lost all we had. But don't look at me in this, I want you to see how God uses one who offers his or her body a living sacrifice, which is our reasonable service.

I was put in a room with a dear woman who was near the end of the way. She had been there nine months and knew she could not get well but was cheerful. She asked me to lead in prayer on our first night together, saying, "It is so long since I heard anyone pray." We read and talked together about God's goodness and heaven and she seemed to feel so much better, spiritually, in a few days. She only stayed at the sanatorium a few weeks after I met her. She went home.

I had been there only a few days when one afternoon someone said, "There comes that preacher." Now the nurses were not Christians, nor were many of the patients, so the preacher got a cold reception. I soon found that he was not a very welcome guest, but I took a chance on the wrath of the nurses and patients, and asked him to call again, which he did. I saw that he was interested in the souls of these poor sick folks, but they didn't realize it. I would talk with him and invite him to come back. Soon he came, on a Friday night after supper, and brought his two daughters to play the guitar and sing. The patients began to look forward,

with pleasure, to seeing "that preacher" come.

In a few weeks God sent a young lady, who was a real Christian, to the sanatorium. She was a registered nurse in a large hospital when she broke down with that terrible disease. You see, God was sending recruits. He could see that the work there was very great indeed. With her to help me pray and talk, soon we had our regular Friday night prayer and song service. Oh, how that preacher's face shined with light from above when he realized he had cooperation inside those walls where some three hundred souls were, most of them hopelessly sick and most of them lost.

One night at service he said he had prayed a long time for a chance to talk and pray with the men and women, boys and girls who were there. One who has never been there cannot imagine the hopeless despair one sees in the faces of those who know they can't get well and don't know God, don't know how to carry their burdens to Him.

This man of God said, "I live near here. I realize the need of a full-time preacher right here in the sanatorium to work in the different wards, also in the building for colored people, but I am a poor man with a family to support and I can't do the work here without pay. The superintendent tells me I may come in at any and all hours to talk with sick people, but there are no funds to pay anyone to do it." He asked us to pray God to provide a way, which He did. God said to me, "Write the Federation of Church Women's Clubs of the state." I did so. On return mail I received a letter thanking me for calling attention to the fact that there was no chaplain at the sanatorium, nor never had been, and said they would look after the matter soon. A few weeks later this same preacher was being paid to spend half his time there. I feel sure he or someone is having full time there now.

Always when a new patient comes in everyone begins asking questions. I would soon ask, "Are you a child of God?" If she said, "No," I would try to tell her of Jesus. One day a lady said to me, "Mrs. Dempsey, you certainly have made me see how very selfish I have always been. I have never told anyone of Jesus. I took it for granted that everyone knew about Him and naturally would become a Christian."

Oh, if I could put on paper the pitiful things I witnessed! But I thank God He sent me there. I think of His promise to restore all that the canker worm hath destroyed and some day I am going to claim

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Requests For Prayer

PRAY FOR—

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Ellen Rackley, Shannon, Ga.

Me to be completely healed of stomach trouble and indigestion.—B. C. Brown, Jesup, Ga.

The Lord to undertake for me and my husband.—Mrs. Margie Briggs, c/o E. S. Raines, Folsom, La.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. S. E. Wooldridge, Taylorsville, Ky.

My sick, afflicted, lost father-in-law; me; Frank Motes to be healed of a broken back.—Mrs. Dorothy Bunton, Rt. 2, Hattiesburg, Miss.

The healing of my body, I am in bad health. I have something like heart trouble. — Josie Liopard, Stockman Ave., Greenwood, S. C.

The healing of my body of a severe case of rheumatism.—Mrs. Mae Milum, Fort Gay, W. Va.

My health to be restored.—Mrs. Alice Bowling, Lester, W. Va.

Me to be healed of stomach trouble. My body is easily infected so pray that I may be healed of that also.—C. W. Kendall, Rt. 2, Red Bay, Ala.

The healing of my throat, it has been sore for two years; me to be healed of sinus trouble; two unspoken requests.—Mrs. L. L. Bava, Davis, W. Va.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Estelle Dowling, 513 9th Ave., c/o S. W. Haire, Albany, Ga.

The healing of my daughter and husband who are seriously burned.—Mrs. Frank Burr, Rt. 2, Webbers Falls, Okla.

The healing of my son's arm and hand; my husband to be healed of something like high blood pressure; special unspoken requests.—A sister, Cleveland, Tenn.

My baby's eyes to be completely healed and receive natural sight.—Sister Adrana Finley (colored), Kenvir, Ky.

Very urgent request.—Rev. Jessie Mae Rose, Comfort, W. Va.

My daughter who is afflicted with epileptic fits to be healed.—Suda Thompson, Rt. 2, Summit, Ga.

The Lord to heal me, I have cold on my lungs.—Sarrah Sharp, Robbinsville, N. C.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Fannie

Eaker, Casar, N. C.

Please pray for me, I need your prayers.—Mrs. Alma Cummings, Moorhead, Miss.

The healing of our little girl who is threatened with mastoiditis.—Sister Pauline Taylor, Rt. 1, Elkins, W. Va.

God to completely heal my body of stomach trouble, flu, high blood pressure, rupture, and my eyes.—Brother Edward Taylor, Rt. 1, Elkins, W. Va.

Please pray for something of vital importance that we have in the hands of God here at Indio, Calif. Also pray for Rev. Benjamin Serna Palacios, our Spanish evangelist, in the great work for God here.—Rev. and Mrs. Elwyn Kelting, Gen. Del., Indio, Calif.

The healing of my little boy. He was vaccinated for diphtheria and smallpox and it gave him inflammatory rheumatism. He is in the Gastonia hospital. The healing of my body.—Mrs. E. K. Bonham, Princeton, N. C.

The complete healing of my body of arthritis and other ailments; my husband to be healed of sugar diabetes.—Mrs. W. H. Siler, 698 Stewart Ave., S. W., Atlanta, Ga.

Little Kenneth Wells to be healed of bad kidney trouble.—Mrs. John Wells, Rt. 1, Millerville, Ala.

The healing of Brother Mocks' body of acute asthma.—Sister Jessie Mock, 300 West St., Johnstown, Pa.

The Lord to send some good workers here to take the lead in this work and that we can get a building to worship in.—Vivian Enochs, Tiger Tail Rt., Finley, Tenn.

My sister, Betty, to be saved and healed. She is in the hospital with pneumonia and is just overcoming a serious operation. — Theresa Steinhafel, 5148 Broadway Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Please pray for my healing. I am suffering from neuralgia and spinal trouble.—R. C. Henry, Alston P. O., Tweedside, Jam., B. W. I.

The healing of Sister Minnie Brown who was severely burned.—L. E. Hillis, Rocky Ford, Ga.

My eyes to be healed.—Rilla Goodrum, Pocahontas, Tenn.

Me to be healed of T. B., I am having hemorrhages and have a cough and am

nervous, also have other ailments.—Mrs. Mamie Blaylock, Campaign, Tenn.

The healing of my head.—C. O. Burns, Rt. 2, Overton, Tex.

My side and shoulders to be healed.—Mrs. Ada Hill, Gen. Del., Point, Tex.

The healing of my body of high blood pressure and nervousness; the healing of my knees; the healing of Sister Emma Morrison's body.—Mrs. Walter B. Baker, Box 94, Huntersville, N. C.

God to send someone here to preach the Word and stay and get a work started.—Mrs. Willie Brewer, Rt. 1, Boaz, Ky.

The healing of my daughter, Mrs. Edward Bray, Wapella, Ill., of T. B., she is at the sanatorium at Ottway, Ill.—W. R. Anderson, 707 Collins St., Lawrenceville, Ill.

The Lord to undertake for a friend, Mrs. J. W. Poole, 204 Arm St., Huntsville, Ala., and her family; the healing of the mother's body; my family and me to be healed. I desire to be a member of the Church of God but there is no Church of God around here near enough for me to attend.—Mrs. A. W. Coppinger, Rt. 7, McMinnville, Tenn.

Urgent unspoken request; my husband to be healed of flu.—Mrs. U. T. Tidwell, Bushnell, Fla.

The healing of my sister-in-law; her mother to be healed of the flu; the healing of my little sick girl.—L. F. Rowe, Rt. 1, Springville, Ala.

The healing of my mother-in-law of rheumatism, she is crippled very badly.—Mrs. C. R. Ford, Lake City, Tenn.

The saving and healing of my father of leaking heart. He is 71 years of age and unsaved; God to help me financially.—Mrs. W. E. F., Grove Hill, Ala.

God to undertake in behalf of my body, I have not been well for nearly two years.—Mrs. Joshua Booher, R. D., Shirleysburg, Pa.

Editorials

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ture, and job work,—have enabled the silent preacher to continue his messages and invade new territory until today he goes into more than twelve thousand homes every week with the message of full salvation. The days when offerings had to be taken for this preacher have passed though for the first few years every Assembly had to raise money to meet the deficit on his expenses, but now instead the preacher helps to finance other departments of the Church, boost the orphanage work, the missions, the aged ministers, and all other requirements of the general organization.



Foreign Missions



ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

Down Mexico Way With the Archers

BY J. W. ARCHER

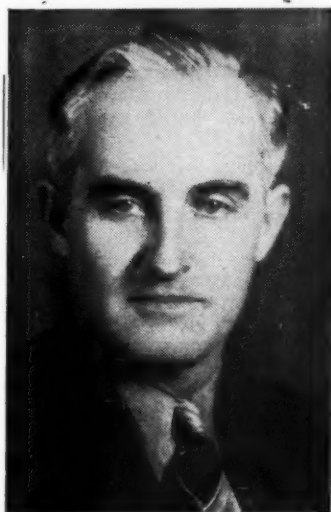
It is with thankful hearts to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that we greet our many new and old friends, through the medium of the Evangel, from "Down Mexico Way," for it is the beginning of the fulfillment of a vision and call of many years. Even before we knew the Lord in His fullness, He was preparing us in our California homes for the work we were to be privileged to do for Him among the Spanish-speaking peoples in the last days, for we studied the language in high school and worked in our youth in the Mexican missions. Later Mrs. Archer taught four years of Spanish in the high schools of Texas, gaining university credits for her work.

But it was after we were filled with the Holy Ghost and were in evangelistic work in Colorado in 1929 that the Lord began to make our call more certain. There, through vision and other means, He showed us that in the last days, when the rest of the world was at war, Mexico would know comparative peace from revolution and war, and the doors would be opened to us to carry the glorious message to this thirsty land. During this time of God's special dealings, a young woman evangelist with us, who could not speak a word of Spanish, often spoke fluently in tongues in beautiful Spanish, which we understand and would then interpret word for word, describing us in our labors in this land.

As the hour approached for our actual entrance into Mexico, one incident of this miraculous dealing of eleven years ago often came to mind and caused us to wonder. It was a description of our journey from Fort Worth to San Antonio, San Antonio to Laredo, on the border, and thence to Mexico City. But we were in California now and planned to enter Mexico from there, not touching Texas at all! But all this was before we met our dear Brother Ingram, went east to meet the other brethren of the Church, and received our appointment to the Bible School work in Mexico City. Even then it was our plan, as many know, to return to California for our family before entering Mexico. But at the last mo-

ment the Lord switched our plans, supplied the means miraculously to bring our entire family by bus, and we came from the east and met them in Fort Worth, thence continuing our journey to San Antonio, Laredo and Mexico City!

We anticipated a great thrill of joy when we first crossed the border into the land of our labors. But a delayed bit of baggage, which required numerous trips back and forth across the international bridge to make sure our papers were correct to allow our baggage to follow us without duty, rather dulled the edge of the joy of crossing the border. It was also our first experience with a peculiarity of



Rev. J. W. Archer

the Mexican mind, which only gives you part of the details at a time, requiring numerous return trips and questionings before the task is eventually completed. For example; when we rented a home we asked about the lights. We were politely, with many bows, advised to come back tomorrow. Insisting upon a definite hour, which greatly surprised the Mexican mind, we were finally told that ten-thirty in the morning would be wonderful if it pleased us. Ten-thirty the next morning we found that the gentleman in question was not in but would be there in one momentito (little moment, emphasized by holding the thumb and forefinger almost

together). After a long hour of waiting we were very graciously informed that perhaps he would be there in the afternoon. Which he was—but, "it is too late to go to the office now, won't you come in the morning?" In the morning after an hour of waiting, he smilingly escorted us to a down-town office and very kindly fixed up our papers, "which will be \$7.32 please!" Delivering our kind helper to his office, we were advised that "a government man will be out tomorrow and inspect your lights." "And turn them on?" "Oh no! He will give you a slip of paper which you will take to the light office." "But I thought we went to the light office!" "Oh no, Senor, you paid the government tax only." So late the next day a very polite gentleman came, took two quick glances at the ceiling and handed us a slip of paper, with which we hurried to the light office, only to be advised that we were one-half hour late to open new contracts, wouldn't we "please come back tomorrow." "But," we protested, "we have already been three days without lights, and have had to burn candles!" which was dismissed with a polite shrug. So on the morrow our transaction was completed ("\$10.38, please") and the next day after that our lights were turned on ("75c for two fuses, please") and we had real cause for rejoicing. Perhaps you begin to see why Mexico is called "The land of Quin save (who knows) and the home of Manana (tomorrow)."

At last our baggage was all inspected, passports O. K'd and we were rolling blissfully southward on a splendid Mexican highway toward Mexico City, some 800 miles away. We were very happy, for we were in Mexico, the car which God dedicated to missions (originally Brother Ingram's) was purring like a contented cat. The highway was wide, straight and smooth, and the day comfortably warm, with a little rain now and then, and the numerous burros loaded with wood and other articles for sale, or hauling ancient two-wheeled carts, were very interesting and they trudged their eternal snail's journey toward Laredo. This is Mexico!

But fourteen miles from the border we were waved down by armed, but smiling

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LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

An Interpretation of Current Events in the Light of Holy Prophecy

'Now, learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh,' Matt. 24:32.

By JUDGE SULLIVAN

Late news reports from conquered Holland tell of the herding of the Jews together in one restricted area. They are to be corralled like cattle and kept confined in certain blocks of the city, not to emerge therefrom without special permission of their Nazi overlords. The same is true of Belgium and other countries who have felt the tread of Hitler's feet. It is all part and parcel of God's plan to bring the Jews to where He can deal with them as He did in bygone centuries. Too, "The mills of the gods grind slowly, yet they grind exceeding small."

Two more nations, possibly three more, will very likely be participants in the war by the time these words are printed, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Turkey. Yugoslavia and Bulgaria have received certain demands from the Hitler Government and those small countries are in no position to resist his demands. Rumania surrendered to the Nazis some time ago. Hitler needs the territory of both Yugoslavia and Bulgaria to march troops through to aid Mussolini whose troops are faring badly in Albania as a result of their stinging defeats by the Greek armies. Turkey says she cannot be indifferent to the occupation of Bulgaria and will fight on the side of England. International warfare makes strange bedfellows. Nations which have been hereditary enemies for centuries have buried the hatchet and sworn to eternal friendship. Nations which have been friendly for centuries have suddenly plunged off the deep end in bitter warfare against their one-time friends. These words of Jesus are true: "Nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom."

Many people have no clear conception of what the present war is all about. Some think it is just lust for power and territory. That may be a very minor contributing factor. Ancient enmities might also contribute some small amount. The main issue, however, goes deeper than this. The old orders of society are going out. In the writer's humble opinion, democracy as we know it, is doomed. God's best government is theocracy. The pendulum on the clock of time will swing,

however, to the very opposite side. Let us all remember that God is ordering the affairs of this world and that His will must prevail. The standing together of the dictators at this time means nothing in the long run. There can be no honor between thieves and men with bloody hands. Their pacts and treaties are to last only so long as it seems to them expeditious. Then, without further ado, they will cheerfully slash the throats of their fellow dictators. There are many today in America who are anxious for dictatorship. We see so many prominent men changing their ideas of a few short weeks ago. This one thing seems definitely certain: We are plunging pellmell into a bitter inferno of war. So, the issue narrows down to this: Can democracy, liberty of conscience, freedom of worship and peaceful assembly exist under the dictators? Common sense answers, "NO." If the dictators are so bitter against Judaism and the Jews, what will be their attitude against a religion with the real, genuine power of God in it? May the good Lord mightily help His preachers and people to "WORK WHILE IT IS YET DAY: THE NIGHT COMETH!"

"Vatican City, Feb. 15.—Observatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper, exhorted Catholics today to give no credence to a campaign of published reports whose intention it suspected was to undermine faith in the Pope's impartiality between the democratic and totalitarian forms of government. They assert that the pope "remains the COMMON FATHER OF ALL THE FAITHFUL. In the midst of contrasting systems, which are part of the times and dependent upon them, the church cannot be called upon to favor one more than another." I have noticed, however, in places where the dictators were the winner, the Pope has hastened to make his peace with the rulers. The Pope is and will be on whichever side his bread will seem to have the best butter.

The writer just noticed an "ad" in a big city newspaper. "CHURCH FOR SALE, LEASE OR RENT. 60x235 feet Lot." What a tragedy! What a shame! A

house, dedicated to God, erected by people who desired to use it for that purpose abandoning it! For sale, a church!

COLLIER'S, issue of February 15, has a splendid article on censorship of news. Proposals have long since been made that the newspapers in this nation be instructed by the government on what to print and what not to print. Will our boasted FREE PRESS be a thing of the past to be discussed in soft, quiet tones? Of course, the argument is made that information might be published which would be advantageous to the enemy in the event we go to war. It occurs to me that such information could be withheld from the papers without the necessity of applying strict governmental censorship. We all know that if there is any sort of paper the devil hates it would be a Holy Ghost paper. If a curb is placed on secular papers, then what will be the lot of papers that dare to print the story of full salvation? THE SPIRIT OF ANTI-CHRIST MARCHES ON.

"Portland, Oregon, Feb. 16. — An earthquake shook houses and rattled dishes today. There were no reports of damages." God's messages are not always long and violent. A slight quake is another warning from Him who rules heaven and earth.

A recent article on business and finance estimates that there are twenty-one billion dollars lying idle in banks today. There is a demand for money but these billions, owned by rich, middle class and average working people, is scared into hiding. They argue that they will invest their money for profit only. They argue further that the tax rate is such that profit is impossible. Therefore, they will hold their money. It seems fair, therefore, if men are to be conscripted, why not also conscript wealth? The answer? The doing of either is a step toward dictatorship. Let our people remember that Adolf Hitler came into power on the support of seven millions of unemployed men and women in Germany. His purpose? To erect a huge war machine! Historians are

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THE Trumpeter

BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

Sevierville, Tennessee

Why We Should Keep Personal Soul-Winning Class In School

Why should we keep the subject "Personal Soul-Winning" in the Bible School curriculum? To answer this question I wish to take you by means of my pen for a visit to our classroom.

Upon arrival at our beautiful school you are ushered into a classroom very much like those of other schools you may have been privileged to visit. The room is a nice, sunny one, located directly across the hall from the main office. You may imagine the location to be the cause of the delightfully quiet atmosphere that prevails. This supposition is soon forgotten, however, for immediately upon entering the room and seating yourself, you discover that you are in the usual type of classroom.

First, you are impressed by the holy atmosphere which fills the room and this is clearly understood when our able instructor enters the room and class gets under way. The first activity of the class is a concert prayer with all the students kneeling beside their seats and lifting their voices to heaven. Praise God for a school where the young people of America can pray and consecrate their lives to God, with the ever encouraging hands of loving and efficient instructors to guide them!

After prayer, you soon become acquainted with the fact that this is not a group of students striving only to make high grades, but is one endeavoring to master a subject by consecrated and prayerful study. The members of the class are taking the subject, not in a disinterested and half-hearted way, but in an earnest manner, studying "to shew themselves approved unto God." You will learn also that these young Christians are preparing themselves for work left undone by the pastors and evangelists—the man to man battle against the wiles of Satan to rescue the soul that is burdened

with sin and that is impossible to reach with sermons. How much easier it is to stand before a congregation and deliver an evangelistic message than to stand face to face with the individual soul and point him to Christ. Too few evangelists deem it necessary to do personal work and yet it is the salvation of individual souls counted one by one, that makes a revival campaign a success. So with these facts ever before her, our instructor, Sister Archie Swiger, directs our studious attention to the proper channels of approaching lost souls, convincing them of their need of the Savior, and persuading them to receive Him as their own. Oh, that every minister and worker in the vineyard of the Lord might have a greater knowledge of this type of work!

Of course, in carrying on the proper and convincing type of conversation which is necessary, one must be able to point the needy individual to the never-failing Word of God; so each day the students are asked to memorize one or more assigned memory verses which will be of immeasurable value to every student who learns them. In classes these verses are carefully discussed and explained, along with our text assignments. The entire recitation period is full of material rich for every student whether he has a special call or whether his work will be that of a faithful layman.

These classes are so rich indeed, that often during the prayer or the discussion the Holy Ghost moves on the scene and takes everything into His own hands, using the entire class as His instrument and consecrating each one to His calling. Oh, how wonderful to step from some corner of this sinsick world into one of our classes filled and radiant with the sweet spirit of our compassionate Christ! and best of all to attend a class and learn how to deal with individual souls, and to prepare ourselves to go back to our loved ones and friends and to lead them to a saving Christ.

Could anyone dare even entertain the

thought of taking the subject of "Personal Soul Winning" from our school when "the harvest is ripe and the laborers are few"? Oh, no, never! This class is molding soldiers of the cross who will not fear to face the world and to receive its hardest blows to win souls for Christ. So, along with the continual prayer for "the ability that the Lord giveth," we continue to study to win souls, for the Scripture says, "He that winneth souls is wise."—Eugene Furr.

Looking Ahead

Time rapidly advances! While European countries are concentrating upon the training of their youth for mobilization, we, in the Land of the Free, can and should be centering our attention upon a spiritual fortification. Bible School affords an excellent opportunity for the employment of our faculties wholly upon things that edify. To you who never have visited the Bible Training School, and have probably never seriously considered sending your boy or girl, we suggest that you think about this advantageous feature—the spiritual environment. Oh, how blessed to be separated from the world with its reeking tobacco and liquor odors, its frequent curses and oaths, its vain and empty chatter, and its general ungodly influence! It is glorious to be donning the preparatory armor spoken of in Ephesians 6:13-18, which has an absolute guarantee for success.

"Statistics for the month of January, 1940, show that 8,000,000 people—most of them under 21—bought copies of 150 nationally distributed periodicals exuding with frankly objectionable material, possessing no literary or artistic merit. Any intelligent adult would instantly recognize them as patent violations of existing laws against obscenity."—Readers' Digest. Bible School defends our young people from such literature, and implants as a defensive, a working knowledge of

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A Call For Cooperation

Poems by LAURA ADRENE SANDERS

The Evangel Speaks Again

This is my birthday and I have
A perfect right to speak.
I want to stir your ransomed soul
To action; yet keep meek.
I told you just a year ago
My mission since my birth,
How I had crossed the many seas
To bless the whole of earth.

So I shall take my text today
Along a different line;
I give my subject in four words,
"ABUSE OF THINGS DIVINE."
My first complaint is personal—
God grant me that your heart
Shall open be, and honest too,
So you can bear your part.

You've cramped me down so many times,
My back is almost broken.
You should have helped me to pass on,
For I'm a living token;
A token of good will and peace,
But stopped by your own hand,
Too mute to speak—yet Balaam's God
Would have you understand

Before the angel draws his sword,
Before your foot is crushed,
Before so many dying souls
In deathless sleep are hushed;
Yes, understand, I'm born to live,
So pass me gently on.
You are my hands and legs, good friend,
I cannot go alone.

I'm not a soul; yet many souls
Have breathed their best in me,
Until each page is like some bird
Bound for eternity.
Why crop my wings and cripple me?
Why burn me when I cry
From every written page today,
To point men to the sky?

My next complaint is much the same.
I do not like to stay
On shelves or in some cedar chest,
Though neatly tucked away.
I'm not a souvenir, my friend;
My work is never done,
So do not crowd me in your trunk,
But pass me gently on.

Then let me say, the dime you pay
For candy, gum, and pop,
May one day face you with the words,
"Oh, careless brother, STOP!
Consider what one dime will do
Each week to help me grow;
Five homes can have my message, friend,
And you can never know

Until eternity flings wide
The golden gates for you,

How many souls you helped to God
By passing me on through.
I travel far, I travel wide,
But, brother, don't you see?
I'm asking for my present now,
SO JUST QUINTUPLE ME.

The Man I Represent

Brighter than sun or moon or stars;
Stronger than tombs or dungeon bars;
Sweeter than nectar sipped by the bees;
Swifter than wind through the bowing
trees,

This Christ I represent.

Pure as the lily beside the pool
Bathed by the dews that are sure and
cool;

Fresh as the rose in her new spring grace;
Meek as the pansy's upturned face,—
This Christ I represent.

Honest as Sol on his daily run,
Throwing his beams on the smallest one;
True as the steel that has tested been,
Strengthened by fires that were built by
men,—

This Man I represent.

Bold as the lion who knows no fear,
Though traps be laid, and the foe be near;
Out of the depths with a boundless surge,
The reins to hold and the world to purge,
This Christ I represent.

Sure as the rainbow sign is He,
Throwing His mantle over me;
Drawing me nearer His home each day;
Leading me, loving me, all the way,—
This Christ I represent.

The Church a Wall of Protection

ST. ELMO, Tenn. — Dear saints, I
praise God for my soon-coming King. I
praise Him just now for what He means
to me. I love Him because fifteen years
ago He saved my soul; about four years
later He sanctified and filled me with the
Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of
speaking with other tongues as the Spirit
gives utterance according to His Word.
I feel the fire burning in my soul just
now. Oh glory! I praise God for people
who are willing to accept the full gospel
of our Lord Jesus Christ, willing to walk
and talk it. Deep down in my heart I
thank my Lord for the Church of God. I
feel it is a wall of protection, a band of
people praying for each other. I thank
God for every praying heart. Let's pray
on, be brave.

I thank the Lord for the Evangel. It
means much to me. The good testimonies
and messages that I read from time to

time are food to my soul.

I also thank God for our little church
at Avans, Ga., and for the way the Lord
is blessing us. We certainly appreciate our
pastor and his good wife, Brother and
Sister Cornwell of LaFayette, Ga. They
are such good, consecrated people, doing
all they can for the little church. We
have learned to love them. They have
been so loyal and interested in the church.
Their hearts are in the work. I pray God
will pour out His richest blessing upon
them. My husband and three children are
in sin. Help me pray for them. I covet
your prayers that God's love will always
abide in my heart.—Mrs. Zelma L. Mc-
Brayer.

The Lord Blessing in Manatee, Fla.

MANATEE, Fla.—I praise the Lord
for His goodness to me and for what
He is doing here in Manatee. Truly the
dear Lord has met with us in every service.
Brother Archie Luke and his father
have been here and conducted a two
weeks' revival. Five were wonderfully
baptized with the Holy Ghost. Powerful
sermons rang out and many souls were
stirred. We love Brother and Sister Luke.
We know they have the Lord on their
side. We are looking forward to the next
revival. We praise the Lord for our
pastor and wife, Brother and Sister J. A.
Cross. We believe they are true soldiers
for God.

We praise the Lord for the way He
healed Brother Albert Phillips' foot. We
have a dear sister in the Lord, Sister
Simmons, who needs prayer. Truly we would
not forget to thank God for taking care
of us while in a car wreck. We feel He
was right there with His strong arm,
holding death from us. Dear saints of
God, the Lord is good to me. He heals me
and I thank Him. I thank Him for the
Evangel; it is much help to me.—Kate
Stowe, 1730 2d Ave.

SAINTS, WAKE UP!

ALABAMA CITY, Ala.—I praise God
for this wonderful blessing. He gave me
the Holy Ghost nine months ago and I
still report victory in my soul. Sisters,
brothers, we ought to wake up; the time
seems so short until the Lord's coming.
We ought to pray for the ones who have
turned back. Just think where you would
spend eternity if you were called to meet
your God. It grieves my heart to hear of
one going back on God. Let's pray more
than ever before for the backsliders.
Pray that the Lord will keep blessing us
and that He will help us build a church
here at Tabor No. 2. Pray that He will
give me more power, more love and burden
me down for lost souls and backsliders.
—Mrs. Della Foster, R. F. D. 1.

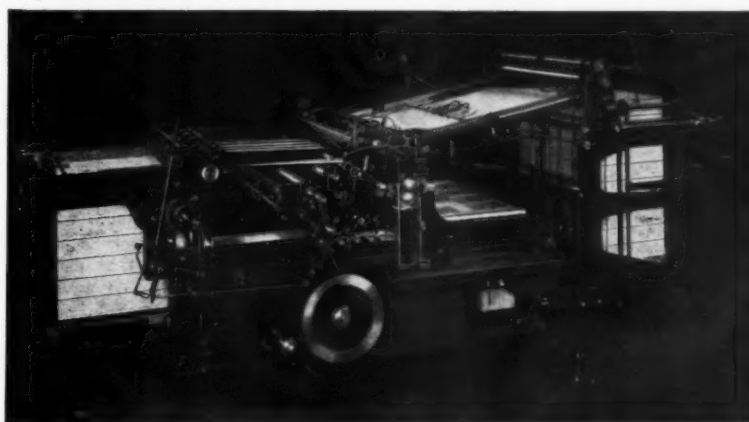
THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

Evangel Gets New Press as Its 31st Birthday Present

For a long time there has been a need at the Publishing House for a new automatic press. The Publishing Interest Committee sensed this needed machinery and made the appropriation, and so on the 31st Birthday of the Evangel it is presented with this new *Miller Major Automatic Press*.

This piece of machinery is the latest in an automatic cylinder press with everything necessary to production. It takes the place of an out-of-date handfed Miehlie.

The Publishing House is indeed grateful to the Church of God and its publishing committee for this nice birthday present and has dedicated it with the running of the birthday issue of the Evangel.



The Trumpeter

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Bible study. Echoing the words of Paul in Phil. 1:17, "knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel," the students now launch into the last six weeks of school with a "second wind" that promises even greater spiritual outpourings than we have experienced heretofore. That welcome spirit of travailing prayer is prevalent!

The following students delivered very helpful sermonettes at the Friday afternoon service: Margaretta Thacker, "Fret Not Thyself;" Kenneth Cook, "Prayer;" Louis Herndon, "Confessing Christ;" Joyce Marlar, "The Opportune Time;" Orlin Lee Rose, "The Mission of Jesus, Our Savior." The Florida Trio and Brother Diffie rendered special musical selections; Harry Williams led the congregational singing, and Brother James Pitts contributed largely to the success of the program by his soul-stirring remarks as leader.

On Sunday morning, Brother Marlar, of Kentucky, brought us a Spirit-filled message on the subject "Peace." It was rich with scripture quotations and vivid reminders of fleshly attempts to maintain peace, with this one reasonable conclusion: only Christ, the Author of peace, can give peace to any individual, tribe, or nation that calls upon Him. Sunday evening we were privileged to hear from an ex-student, Beatrice Dodson, of Greensboro, North Carolina, who spoke to us about the commission of Jesus in Mark 16:15. Her remarks were appreciated since they were directed to encourage every student to carry the gospel, not only through the pulpit, but in various other suggested channels.

The school feels honored and blessed

by having had during the week this unusually large group of distinguished visitors, who, however, because of pressing business were unable to spend much time in our classes and services: General Overseer J. H. Walker and mother; Asst. General Overseer R. P. Johnson; Rev. and Sister Tidwell and daughter Florence of Kannapolis, N. C.; Rev. M. P. Cross, overseer of West Virginia; Rev. and Sister Carl Johnson and son of West Virginia; Sister Pearl Stark, State Y. P. E. and S. S. Superintendent of West Virginia; Dr. C. B. French; Rev. Tapley; Rev. and Sister Cecil Bridges, State Y. P. E. and S. S. Superintendent of Kentucky; and

Rev. Carl Hughes, overseer of Bahama Islands.—Ruby Thompson.

Question Box

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ried, the messenger must have a message, and this verse describes that the message of the soldier of the cross must be a message of peace, that the feet of the minister must be the feet that carry the gospel of peace, which is a gospel of preparation. "And how shall they preach except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" Rom. 10:15.

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Question Box

Question: Will you please explain 1 Cor. 7:36-38?—Mrs. L. P.

Answer: This question has been asked over and over again through the years and has been given some attention in the Question Box in time past. It is generally and freely discussed in places where something has happened between professors which is entirely unjustifiable in the eyes of God and God's Word, and those who have participated or their friends, try to find something to justify it. It must be said that there is no scripture found anywhere in the Word of God to justify the act of fornication either on contract or otherwise.

For the benefit of those who are honest inquirers, we venture a Biblical explanation. Let us note the three verses cited: "But if any man think that he becometh himself uncomely toward his virgin, if she pass the flower of her age, and need so require, let him do what he will. he sinneth not: let them marry. Nevertheless he that standeth stedfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power over his own will, and hath so decreed in his heart that he will keep his virgin, doeth well. So then he that giveth her in marriage doeth well; but he that giveth her not in marriage doeth better." The 38th verse is an explanation to the others. It would be impossible for the contracting party in marriage to give a maid in marriage. No one could do that except the father. All oriental marriages were carried out in this way and the father had absolute authority over a daughter as to whether or not she was given in marriage.

For a better explanation let us compare translations. In Weymouth's Translation, as a caption for the 36th, 37th, and 38th verses we have this, "A Father's Duty to His Unmarried Daughter." Then, verse 36, "If, however, anyone thinks he is acting unbecomingly towards his unmarried daughter, if she be past the bloom of her youth, and so it must be, let him do what she desires; he commits no sin; she and her suitor should be allowed to marry." Verse 37, "But the man who stands fixed in his mind, without being compelled, and has a right to act as he pleases, and in his own mind has decided to keep his daughter unmarried, will do well." Verse 38, "So that he who gives his daughter in marriage does well, and yet he who does not give her in marriage will do better." For further information we also call attention to the Syriac Translation, Verse 36, "If anyone thinketh that there is reproach, on account of his maiden (daughter), because she hath passed

her time, and he hath not presented her to a husband, (and) it be fitting that he present her; let him do what he desireth, he sinneth not; let her be married." Verse 37, "But he who hath firmly determined in his own mind, and nothing compelleth him, he can act his own pleasure, and he who so judgeth in his heart, that he keep his maiden (daughter), he doeth commendably." Verse 38, "Therefore, he who presenteth his maiden (daughter) doeth commendably, and he who presenteth not his maiden (daughter), doeth very commendably." It is the opinion of your editor that the question is thus plainly answered and sets a high standard of social purity by Biblical authority that cannot be questioned.

Question: Please explain Eccl. 1:9, "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun."—W. C.

Answer: In order to properly understand any text, one must thoroughly understand the context, which usually explains conditions under which the text is given. Verse 4 of the first chapter is a very good key to an understanding to verse 9. "One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever." In this we understand that in the beginning God created heaven and earth so that all material had its beginning with the creation and there has been nothing created since that time. In other words, there is nothing materially new; neither is there anything new with mankind. They have the same nature as in the beginning or after the fall; one generation comes, passes away, and then another, but men in their dispositions are materially the same. The 9th verse has nothing to do with inventions or different ideas of the assembling of materials or refining of materials or other processes which men have devised, but rather with the earth itself and the dispositions of men as being unchanging. To look at it in this light gives an explanation to the entire lesson setting.

Question: Please explain what is meant by having your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace as described in Eph. 6:15.—Mrs. L. A. B.

Answer: The scripture in Eph. 6:12-17 gives a beautiful picture of the soldier of the cross as compared with the soldier of old and for his country. The feet were those functioning organs upon which the army depended for stability and for swiftness in their aggressive move against the powers of an enemy. Since, in those days, there was no telephone, telegraph, radio, or other means of communication, messages were carried by foot, messages of peace and messages of war. But however car-

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Delkograms

By D. H. DELK

Golden Text For March 2

Luke 6:46

"Why (oh why) call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

This verse implies disobedience and teaches that works are important.

God doesn't judge us by our words, but by our works.

A good obedient servant won't dispute. He says little, but does lots.

A tongue is like a pump, it will empty our heart but it will not fill or filter it.

Disobedience is a leader to all sin. When one disobeys it is easy for him to commit any kind of sin.

Rogues differ little, each began as a disobedient son. (Chinese proverb.)

Obedience brings blessings, and more blessings. But disobedience brings curses, curses, curses and more curses. Read Deut. 28.

Obedience in little things (and little things are all most of us can do) is better than a vain sacrifice in something big. Obedience will shorten your prayers.

Disobedience is balking on God. Oh, how hateful a balking horse is.

One fellow was praising the Lord (in a testimony service) for being in the harness for forty years and someone spoke up and said, "You have not worn out a piece of it but the backing strap." The fire (from loving obedience) should ever be burning upon the altar; it should never go out. See Lev. 6:13.

Disobedience paid Saul his final wages, the awful death of suicide. Many disobey because they wait for feelings. One little boy said the first thing he wanted to do when he got to heaven was to feel of Samson's muscles.

Just saying, Lord, Lord, is not enough; there is a very small word that is between us and the door. That little word is "do."

The disobedience of Achan put many hearts to aching. For one to say and do not is a good way to make a hypocrite of oneself. When we say and do not then our say is empty, profitless.

A candidate spoke on agriculture, then asked an old farmer how he liked the speech. The old farmer said, "Well, it was all right, I reckon. But a good rain would do lots more good." When SAY most abunds, important DO is seldom found. Do not ye after the works of the Pharisees, for they say but do not. Matt. 23:3.

But good works won't save unless our
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Reports of Revivals

N. DANVILLE, Va.—A revival campaign closed after three weeks at the Church of God, N. Danville, Va. The meetings were attended mostly by saints of various Pentecostal denominations. Exceptionally good crowds prevailed throughout the campaign. The Church of God in Schoolfield, Va., cooperated in many ways. Rev. E. O. Sells is pastor there. People came to the revival from S. Boston, Axton, Martinsville and Schoolfield, Va., and also from various places in North Carolina. It was, seemingly, a saints' revival. The Church of God at N. Danville was edified. Rev. C. E. Corley is pastor. Mrs. Russell Ford was special vocalist and pianist during the revival campaign.—Russell and Dorothea Ford, evangelists, Somerset, Pa.

ST. LOUIS, Ill.—We just closed a revival on Lincoln Avenue in E. St. Louis, Ill. There were eight saved, three sanctified and three filled with the Holy Ghost. Many were wonderfully blessed and benefited by the Lord during the meeting. We are now in a meeting at Maplewood, Ill.—Marvin E. Porter, Bonne Terre, Mo.

ALIGOOD, N. C.—We have just closed a revival here at the Church of God conducted by Brother Clarence Burdick. Sister Eula Harmon assisted by singing specials. We enjoyed the sweet spirit that was present in every service. We believe that the saints were revived and blessed and some good seed were sown. We know that he is on fire for God and believe he is at his best to win souls for Christ.—Florence Woolard, clerk, R. F. D. 2.

MILLVILLE, N. J.—I am so glad that we can report victory from Millville, N. J. We have just closed a three weeks' revival held by our state overseer, Brother T. C. Messer, and wife. The Lord surely was with us and blessed in a wonderful way. There were two saved, seven sanctified and three filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was also organized. We are glad to see Millville rise and shine

and we are thankful for the Lord sending us Brother and Sister Messer as our overseer. Pray much for this work as it needs everyone's prayers. Sister Amy Hanley is our pastor and needs the prayers of all the saints.—Miss Fay Houser, clerk, 14 Mulberry St.

SALEM, W. Va.—We have just closed a very successful two weeks' revival here at Salem, W. Va., conducted by Brother Oscar Olsen of Chicago, in which there were sixteen saved, fourteen sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and three baptized in water. God is surely



Rev. and Mrs. T. L. McLain, the first paid-up subscribers to the Church of God Evangel. Brother McLain was ordained bishop Jan. 13, 1911. He is now retired. His ministry has been largely in and around Headquarters.



churches to help out. The altar has been filled nearly every service. Seven were saved, six sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost and one added to the church by our district overseer, Brother Crank of New Castle, Ind. The Lord spoke in a marvelous way through messages in tongues and interpretations, calling the idle ministers to work for Him. We are looking to the Lord for a larger building. Pray that the Lord will make a way for us to have our church building.—Mrs. F. Wildason, clerk, 1430 Lillie St.

SALE CREEK, Tenn.—The Church of God at Sale Creek is moving on nicely. We have just closed a two weeks' meeting with Brothers Ike Moore and Ernest Combs in charge. There were eight saved, six sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost and four added to the church. We have a fine Sunday School with an attendance of from ninety to one hundred and thirty each Sunday.—Sam Helton.

URBANA, Ill.—The Church of God at Urbana has been wonderfully blessed and edified by a three weeks' revival conducted by Brother D. N. Slay. Brother Slay is an outstanding evangelist and his soul-stirring messages are appreciated. Sister Slay, too, proved a blessing to the meeting by her music and special singing. A number was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost during the meeting. Some have found the Lord since the revival

closed.—E. E. Summers, pastor, 108 S. Poplar.

KNOXVILLE, Iowa.—Rev. J. L. Goins just closed a successful revival at the Church of God at Knoxville. The meetings were in session for three weeks and the Lord richly blessed. Brother Willie Goins of Davenport was in charge of the music. Our hearts were stirred when we saw about fifteen young people give their hearts to God and many others receive the baptism. We have heard since the closing of our meeting that the people in our city were greatly stirred by the Holy Ghost messages brought by Brother Goins. We are praying that the Lord will give us another revival soon.—Brother Ansel Newton, pastor, 514 Jefferson St.

FT. WAYNE, Ind.—Praise the Lord for a four weeks' revival. Sister Bertha G. Shideler of Muncie, Ind., was led here by the Holy Ghost. The soul-stirring messages were far-reaching. Many are looking this way. They came from various

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first, best, and continued work is believing on the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent. John 8:29.

"Lord, Lord" is the best words that can be said, but without works even this will be dead. See Matt. 7:21.

"They sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness." Ezek. 33:31, 32.

Talkers are not good doers. (*Shakespeare*)

None preach better than the ant, and she says nothing. (*Franklin*)

Go to the ant, thou sluggard, consider her ways and be wise. (*Solomon*)

There is another scripture that ought to be as frontlets before our eyes, "To him that knoweth to do (to do) good and doeth (doeth) it not, to him it is sin."

Doers cannot forget (for it is straight-way with them). Matt. 4:20.

Forgetters cannot do (for it is "when I have convenient season" with them). Acts 24:25.

Some folks are resting today so they can move a mountain tomorrow. A good way to cast out fear of tomorrow is to do our best today.

MISSION PAGE

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officers. "Your papers, please." Confidently we pulled out our passports, but no, it was the clearance papers on our car they wished to see. So I handed them a paper with car and motor numbers, etc., given me the day before when I got our passports in Mexico. "No, the yellow paper." "But I have no yellow paper!" "Didn't they give you a yellow paper at the border?" "No! Only what I showed you!" "Then you must go back." We reasoned and argued, but to no avail. Quite an audience had gathered out of a million acres of mesquite brush which seemed to be peopled only by jack rabbits and many deer, and to them all, including the inspectors, our predicament was a huge joke. We, too, took it good naturedly and returned to the border, where we learned that in the turmoil of clearing our delayed baggage they had forgotten to clear our car. Someone was duly bawled out by the head official, many apologies were offered and we once more set sail. Our papers were laughingly cleared and we were advised that there would be no more inspections until we reached the borders of Mexico City. It was now afternoon so we decided to spend our first night in Mexico in Monterey,

147 miles from the border, the leading industrial city of the nation, with a population of 132,577.

We have no work here and it offers a splendid opportunity for the expansion of the cause of Christ in Mexico. Westward from Monterey, on a paved highway leading into the very heart, or center, of Greater Mexico, lie the cities of Saltillo (*Sahl-tee-yo*), population 66,609, and Torreon (*To-ray-oan*), population 74,906. From here the pavement ends and branches out like the tributaries of a river in a series of wagon-track dirt roads, covering the vast untouched interior of Mexico, little traveled by whites, and virgin territory for the gospel message. One dirt road, passable only in dry weather, leads 300 miles northwestward to Chihuahua, capital of the State of Chihuahua, where it joins the improved highway leading southward from El Paso, Texas, 300 miles farther north. Monterey, Saltillo, Torreon and Chihuahua, with the hundreds of smaller cities and villages, together with the numerous small Indian villages, offer a challenge to the strong-hearted and adventurous servant of Christ that must not longer go unheeded, for surely the harvest is plenteous and the laborers are few—and Jesus is coming so soon. In all this vast central and northern Mexico we have no work save the few that have been started near the border, and eastward, in the state of Sonora, under Brother Gonzales. Brother Ruesga's work has spread out wonderfully east, south and west from Mexico City, but has not touched this northern and central territory. Brother Ingram has paved the way with his pioneer spirit and courage; but it remains for others to follow the covered wagon that has broken the trail, and establish the gospel firmly throughout this thirsty land. Monterey, Saltillo and Torreon are centers of rich farming districts, producing cotton, wheat, vegetables, dairying, etc. All have smelters and other industries, Monterey being the leading industrial city of the nation. It lies at the base of the Cerro De La Silla (Saddle Mountains) rising in severe, naked and rugged challenge, nearly 8,000 feet above sea level, which seems high, until I realize that I am writing this letter to you from a city of a million people on a plateau higher than its most ambitious peak. The air is so rare here that one finds one's self often having to take several deep breaths to catch up on oxygen. Mexico City sits like a king in his castle on a high mountain ruling over his subjects in the valleys below.

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challenged to dispute the above statement.

As this is written, February 17, word has just come that Turkey, considered a staunch friend of England, has just signed a non-aggression pact with Bulgaria. Bulgaria, in turn, is dictated to by the German dictator. One by one the friends of democracy and England are deserting her.

To look at the issue from a purely materialistic viewpoint, with no consideration to be given spiritual ideas, the lend-lease bill must pass, and speedily, if our way of life is to be preserved. The writer deplores the danger of totalitarianism in the measure, but it seems there is no other way. At any rate, day by day, we are growing closer and ever closer to bloodshed and sorrow.

God Can Use a Weak Body if It Is Yielded to His Will

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all that these little disease germs have eaten of mine. Praise His name, I know He will restore a thousandfold. Even if I did pray and beg to get well so long, praise His name, He has made me see that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to compare with the joy that shall be hereafter.

To those who are sick and praying to get well let me say, "Ask God to take you and use you in His own good will. Start praying for and talking to lost souls. See how quickly you will become reconciled to your fate.

I will tell one other incident. I had a letter published in a leading daily paper, so I received over a hundred cards and letters. Among them was one from a woman who wrote telling me of a very godly woman who had great power in prayer. I wrote this woman asking her to come to the sanatorium to pray for me. She came, and oh, the sweet talk she made to all of us, telling us the story of the woman who touched the hem of Jesus' garment. How eagerly everyone listened to her words. We all felt like an angel from heaven had been in our midst. She promised to bring her prayer band and come back. I came home shortly after her visit and don't know if she returned or not, but I feel sure she did. She put her hands on my bad lung and prayed. I could feel the power of God. I really felt a change come over my body. I have felt different since that day. In a day or so I was X-rayed and the doctor told me my lung was improved, that I could come home but would have to stay in bed and take very good care of myself. Oh, the joy at the thought of coming home! I'll admit I was disappointed in not being instantly healed, but I'm resigned to His will. That was almost four years ago. I have had some real bad sick spells since then but Jesus stands beside my bed and when I have asked Him for health, I have changed it and asked Him to save some

lost soul.

I know that God called me to the tuberculosis sanatorium, just as well as I know I'm living today. There were people coming and going. Most of those who left there left in a hearse, never to return. People from every walk of life who could not pay for treatment in some private hospital, came there. Somebody had to get inside who loved the Lord and was not afraid of a preacher, to make a way for the gospel to be preached inside those walls.

I am writing this to encourage someone who is shut in. May you realize that there are no walls thick enough or strong enough to shut Jesus out. If we are shut in with Him, nothing else matters. David says in Ps. 119:67, "Before I was afflicted I went astray," which is true of many of us today.

Satan tries hard to use our weak bodies as an excuse to keep us from working for our Lord. If he can't get us to work directly for him, he will try in every way he can to hinder our working for the Lord.

In August of 1940, just at the beginning of revival services at our church, a son of mine who lives in Victoria, Virginia, drove down from his home for me to go spend a few weeks with him and his wife. He married a lovely girl in the town where they are making their home. She has been a church member since childhood, and a teacher in the children's department of her Sunday School a number of years. She is a sweet girl, of fine character. When son said, "Mamma, I have come for you. We want you in our home so much," Satan said, "Oh, you are too weak and nervous to make that long trip. You know there are so many wrecks on the highway, and so many things to keep you from going. You just stay at home." Then, too, I thought of how much I would enjoy being in our revival. So I had a talk with God about it all and He said go. I didn't get tired on the way. In fact, I seemed to grow stronger. As we drove along through the Great Smoky Mountains admiring the beauties of nature and discussing the skillful engineering that had put the road through those mountains I tried to explain to my children that one day those who do not accept Jesus as their Savior and get under His blood will cry for those same rocks and mountains, that we shuddered at the thought of falling from, to fall on them to hide them from the face of an angry and just God.

My son and his wife were very anxious for me to meet their pastor, Doctor B—, who soon called to welcome me to the city and invite me to attend church. I tried to get his views on the spiritual condition of our churches and the nation. I was disappointed to find that he was not interested in spiritual things nearly as

much as he was in social standings and church membership.

On Sunday we went to Sunday School. I, of course, joined the Ladies' Bible Class. The subject was "How to Get the Un-saved to Come to Church." Several ladies took part in the discussion, each one offering a suggestion, all along the line of material attraction. Not one time did they mention the name of Jesus. Finally the leader of the discussion asked me to express my opinion. The Spirit spoke through me, saying, "Jesus said, If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." I also told them that if we as Christians lived a separated life, the world would come to see what it is all about.

One night the children said, "We will all go to the picture show tonight." I said, "No, I'll stay at home. I don't care for such things." "Oh," said they, "there is no harm in going to the show. Why Doctor and Mrs. B— of the Methodist Church go, so do Doctor and Mrs. A— of the Baptist Church, and all the leading people of our town go to the show." But I was firm in my stand. I said, "I'll have a talk with the Lord while you are gone." Oh, I could begin to see things.

A lady came by to tell us of a revival at the Nazarene Church when I suggested that we go there. I could see that they had rather not. My son's wife said, "We have never gone there, but I know some nice people who do go." I said, "Well, if they know God and preach the gospel, I shall enjoy going, although I've never been to the Church of the Nazarene." I felt the Spirit of God in that church. Soon the opportunity was given those who wanted to testify for the Lord. I could not sit still. A part of what I said was like this, "I am a stranger in your city. My name is not on your church register. But thank God, it is on the Lamb's Book of Life. I had rather be able to introduce myself as a child of God than to be able to introduce myself as the daughter of the President of these United States. I had rather have my name on the register in heaven than on any social register down here." My daughter-in-law said, "Mother, I would give anything in this world to have a feeling like you seem to have." I said, "My dear child, it is for everybody who is a born-again Christian." I soon found that she had never had a change of heart and did not understand the story of salvation. Can anyone imagine my joy when she began to ask me to read and explain to her certain passages of scripture! She asked me to pray with and for her. For two weeks we went almost every night to the Nazarene Church, going past the theater without their one time asking me to stop, nor going themselves any more while I was there. I turned through their Bible marking certain passages to call attention as they read in days to come.

Can any one see God in all this? I know He led me to go into the home of my dear son and his wife. I had not been praying hard for them, thinking they were hearing the gospel of the Son of God preached and that they both understood the plan of salvation. My son had been saved years before but was drifting along the easy, broad way that Doctor B— was preaching to them.

The next day after I started on my trip, one of my boys, for whom I had prayed for years, was gloriously saved.

Please, dear reader, do not think I am writing this to condemn nor to praise any denomination or creed. Such things do not count with God. All His children are one in Christ Jesus, regardless of our church affiliation. I do earnestly pray that this little message will help somebody to understand that all of God's children are not physically strong and that if He doesn't always answer our prayer just like we want, it is because He has something better in store for us than anything we could ask for, for He tells us, 1 Cor. 2:9, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

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you to please consider this as a meek an apology as I know how to make.

Give me a warm welcome into your home, also a fervent, whole-hearted introduction to those whom you believe I can help; not just a formal introduction but one which will make the other party feel that you are presenting to him a dear and precious friend. Insist that he receive me into his home, his life, and his problems for at least one year and I solemnly promise that, with heaven's and your blessings, I will minister in such an effective way that he will be anxious to read my thirty-second birthday issue.

I am starting my thirty-second year of service to you and the cause you love so well, by jumping onto the springboard of cooperation with you, and now, all together, get set, spring hard, high up, and off with the longest leap ever taken for the Church, its every department, and its entire program. Let us come to the General Assembly with accomplishments that will stagger the expectations of the most optimistic, and will rebuke and put to silence our most bitter critics, and hamstringing our opposers.

There is an old saying that the early bird gets the worm; so it is in our Y. P. E. and Sunday School work. Those who start the earliest and work the hardest win the prize.

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and ^kthou shalt know that the
LORD of hosts hath sent me
unto thee.

^d Is. 2. 2, 3
^e Ps. 71. 7
^h Is. 8. 18
² Heb. men of
wonder, or,
sign, as Ezek.
12. 11
^f ch. 3. 10
^k Is. 45. 1
Ezek. 34. 23
^h Ex. 12. 49

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